

**CITY OF SAN JOSE  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

6:00 P.M., Monday, August 13, 2007  
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T847  
San José, CA 95113

**MINUTES**

1. **Call To Order/Roll Call** - Chair Payne called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Present

Corinne Winter  
Akos Szoboszlay (for Luis Mendez)  
Yolanda Reynolds  
Steve Crosby (for Bob Halem)  
Lawrence DeSantis  
Don Barnett  
Lane Parker  
Deb Lefferts (for Charlie Payne)

Staff

John Brazil, DOT  
Michelle Young, Environmental Services

Council Liaison

Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio  
Nicolas Rice-Sanchez, Council District 6

Guests

David Burkhard  
Antony Nispel  
Marylou Avanzino  
Jon Graff  
Kevin Pezzaniti  
Laura Monczynski

2. **Approve Order of Business** – Approved.
3. **Oral Petitions** – Mr. Szoboszlay stated he would like pedestrians to have access to all county expressways.
4. **Approve Minutes of July 9, 2007** – Minutes were not yet available for approval. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
5. **New Business**
- a. **Yard Waste etc. in Bike Lanes and Shoulders: Staff Report** – At the July 9, 2007 committee meeting, Marylou Avanzino raised concerns about trash, recycling, and yard waste pickup being placed in roadway shoulders and bike lanes. This creates an obstacle for bicyclists. As a result, the committee requested a report from city staff on current standards. In response, Mr. Brazil introduced Michelle Young from the city's Environmental Services Department. Ms. Young distributed handouts on city services and described the current standards and challenges. San José does not require yard waste to be containerized. Allowing loose collection results in cost savings. Additionally, most residents prefer loose collection. Ms. Young said there are some opportunities for outreach, such as bill inserts, to educate residents on the need to avoid obstructing bicyclists. She stated that current contracts run until 2013

and it would be difficult to make changes before then. Mr. Brazil agreed to pursue some of Ms. Young's suggestions off-line.

- b. **Selection of San José BPAC representative for VTA BPAC** – Mr. Brazil reminded members that due to term limits, former member Bart Thielges no longer serves on San José BPAC. Because Mr. Thielges had served as San José BPAC's representative on the Valley Transportation Authority's BPAC, this committee needed to select one of its members to take over that position. The VTA BPAC meets about eight times per year, on the second Wednesday of the month. Don Barnett and Lane Parker offered to serve in this capacity. Mr. Brazil agreed to talk with them off-line to coordinate.

## 6. Old Business

- a. **Bylaws, Member Term Limits, & Call for Applications** - At a previous meeting, members requested the committee review the its reporting structure and member term limits. Committee members may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms and an unlimited number of non-consecutive terms. The committee reports to the Department of Transportation. The committee's Council Liaison, Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, regularly attends BPAC meetings. Mr. Szoboszlay said he would like to see the committee report directly to the City Council. In response to the committee's question, Councilmember Oliverio suggested the committee would be better served retaining its existing reporting structure and working in coordination with his office. He noted that the Council already has dozens of committees to track, and changing the reporting structure would not necessarily help BPAC. Mr. Brazil then reported on the status of the public call for applications to fill the three vacant BPAC seats. The deadline for submitting applications occurred on August 31, 2007. The city received twenty-five applications, the highest number in the past five years. A staff panel of three will review applications and made recommendations to the Department Director. Appointments should be complete before the September meeting.
- b. **North San José Bike/Ped Master Plan** – No new information.
- c. **Ped/ADA Sidewalk Plan Update** – Mr. Brazil reported that the second of three public workshops for this project will be held in conjunction with the September BPAC meeting on September 10, 2007. At that time, the consultant team will provide a project status report and a draft summary of recommendations for review and discussion.
- d. **Crosstown, Signed, Numbered Bikeway Pilot Project: Update** – Mr. Brazil reported that the status of this project had not changed. This item will stay on the agenda for future updates. Committee members suggested that a ribbon cutting and VIP ride be organized when this project is completed.
- e. **Sharrows Pilot Project** – Mr. Brazil reported that both the San Fernando and Park pilot projects had been installed. He welcomed feedback from members and reported DOT will consider expanding this pilot project next year.
- f. **Bicycle Friendly Signal Detection Pilot Project: Update** - Mr. Brazil reported that the status of this concept had not changed. This item will stay on the agenda for future updates.
- g. **Bike Rack Grant** – Mr. Brazil reported that the Bike/Ped Program had received a Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) grant to purchase and install approximately

300 bike racks. The Bike/Ped Program purchased about 350 bike racks. Over the next year, staff will conduct field investigations to identify appropriate locations for installation and install the racks. The Bike/Ped Program will hire a part-time student intern to help with field investigation. Racks must be installed in the public right of way owned by the city (usually on sidewalks) in locations with concrete surfaces where adequate space exists without obstructing pedestrians, vehicles, or utility access. Suggestions may be directed to [bike.ped@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:bike.ped@sanjoseca.gov)

- h. **Wrong Way Signs** – Mr. Brazil reported that the status of this project had not changed. This item will stay on the agenda for future updates.

## 7. **Staff Report**

- a. **Recycled Pavement Study (PRNS)** – Mr. Brazil reported that the city's Trail Program recently released a study evaluating the use of recycled materials for trail pavement. See [www.sjparks.org/Trails/doc/Asphalt\\_study.pdf](http://www.sjparks.org/Trails/doc/Asphalt_study.pdf)
- b. **Caltrain Diridon Station Workshop** – Mr. Brazil reported that Caltrain will host a station area workshop on bike accommodation at the Diridon Station, from 6p-7p, August 14, 2007. As part of its Bike Master Plan project, Caltrain is conducting several of these workshops at its busiest stations over the next several months. Members of the public are welcome to participate. For additional information, contact Caltrain project manager Celia Chung at [chungc@samtrans.com](mailto:chungc@samtrans.com)
- c. **Sunshine Reform Task Force** – Mr. Brazil reported that the city has organized this task force to identify opportunities to improve the public communication with and participation in city government. The Task Force will meet for several months and make recommendations to city council. Among many recommendations, the Task Force recommends requiring earlier posting of committee minutes and agenda. Members of the public, including members of this committee may participate. For additional information, see [www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/TaskForce/SRTF/SRTF.asp](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/TaskForce/SRTF/SRTF.asp)
- d. **Bicycle Friendly Communities program changes** – In 2006, the city received a bronze level Bicycle Friendly Communities award from the League of American Bicyclists. Since then, the national program has changed from a two-year cycle to a four-year cycle. So San José will be reapplying in 2010, rather than 2008.

- 8. **Committee Member Comments** – Mr. Szoboszlay reiterated his desire to see pedestrians allowed on all county expressways.

- 9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

**Next Meeting** - To be determined.

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